

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 32, lines 8-31 as follows:

The inventive laser enhancing additive also can be used in a laminate that has one or more additional laminate layers bonded over it. For example, FIG. 6 is an illustrative cross sectional view of an identification document in accordance with a fourth embodiment of the invention. [:-] In the embodiment of FIG. 6, the ID document 10 preferably includes a multi-layered structure. For purposes of illustration, however, the ID document 10 may have a front outward appearance generally similar to the identification document 10 of FIG. 1, although the construction and components of the cross-section shown in FIG. 6 differs from the prior art. In FIG. 6, the ID card 10 includes a core material 50 (shown for illustrative purposes only to be about 10 mils thick) to which is laminated a layer (shown for illustrative purposes only to be about 5 mils thick) of first laminate 52 to which the inventive laser enhancing additive is added. Over the first laminate 52 is a layer of second laminate 58 (shown for illustrative purposes to be about 5 mils thick), which in this embodiment is made from a material that is not sensitive to laser radiation. In this example, the second laminate 58 is a transparent material. A laser is used to engrave the first laminate 52 with indicia ~~[[54I-54J]]~~ 54H-54K. The total thickness of the ID document 10 of FIG. 6 is about 30 mils, which, in at least one embodiment, allows the architecture of the ID document 10 to meet and/or exceed American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The total thickness of the ID document 10 of FIG. 6 can also be adapted to meet and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) specifications for identification documents such as ID Cards. It will be appreciated that many other thicknesses of layers are usable to make an ID document that satisfies one or more of the AAMVA, ANSI, and ISO requirements. For example, in FIG. 6, the core material 50 could be 20 mils thick, the first laminate 52 could be 2 mils thick, and the second laminate 58 could be 3 mils thick.